

CITY OF LONG BEACH

Single-Stream Recycling Guide

Recyclables vs. Non-Recyclables



Recycle

Metal: All types of metal including food/beverage containers, aluminum, tin, steel, iron, etc.

Cardboard: Paperboard; corrugated boxes; egg containers; *non-greasy* pizza boxes; cereal boxes; frozen food packaging; mailing boxes; shoe boxes.

Glass Containers: Brown, clear, and green glass jars and bottles. *Discard caps and lids.*

Mail: Envelopes; junk mail; catalogues; cards; magazines.

Paper: All *unwaxed* paper including office paper, folders, magazines, newspapers, non-metallic wrapping paper, hardbound/paperback books, textbooks.

Plastics containers #1 – 7: All plastic containers and bottles labeled #1 – 7. *Discard caps and lids.*

Rigid Plastics: Milk crates; buckets; laundry baskets; lawn furniture; plastic drums; coolers; flower pots; watering cans; large water bottles; pallets; pet carriers; shelving; closet organizers; garbage cans.

**All item must be clean, dry, and free of contaminants. Please read our "How to Recycle Properly" guidelines for more information.*



Do Not Recycle

Glass: NO drinking glasses; windows; mirrors; auto glass.

Paper and Cardboard: NO waxed paper; waxed cartons used for milk or juice; soiled paper such as dirty napkins, tissues, paper towels; soiled cardboard such as greasy pizza boxes.

Plastics: NO plastic bags, wraps or films; plastics that don't have a recycling logo; utensils and straws; caps and lids.

Organics: NO food, yard waste, or liquids.

Electronics: Learn how to recycle electronics by visiting www.longbeachny.gov/Ewaste

Clothing & Textiles: Learn where to donate by visiting www.longbeachny.gov/Clothing

Hazardous Materials: Learn how to dispose properly by visiting www.longbeachny.gov/STOP

Other:

- Styrofoam & foam packaging
- Ceramics
- Coat hangers
- Hoses
- Toys
- Chemicals

Recycling Pickup Schedule: Residential (Wednesday); High-rises (Monday through Friday); Commercial (Everyday).

To pick up a recycling bin, please call or visit the Department of Public Works in Room 404 of City Hall.

How to Recycle Properly

DO NOT “WISH-CYCLE”

If an item is not on the acceptable list of recyclables, please do not put it in and “wish” it gets recycled. Unacceptable items are considered contaminants – they increase costs and cause delays at the recycling facility. WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT of the recycling bin.

NO SOILED ITEMS - RINSE DIRTY ITEMS BEFORE PLACING IN BIN

Grease, food waste, liquids, and other residue will contaminate items and render them non-recyclable. Please give dirty items a quick rinse before putting them out for collection. If an item cannot be cleaned, such as a greasy pizza box, please place it in the trash.

NO PLASTIC BAGS, KEEP RECYCLABLES LOOSE

Please keep thin plastic bags out of your recycling bin, and please do not use them to hold other recyclables. Recyclables should be loose in your bin.

Plastic film bags - such as grocery, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags - require special disposal and should not be included in your recycling bin. Plastic bags wrap around and jam recycling equipment, causing delays and shutdowns that increase our recycling costs.

Bring unwanted plastic bags to the nearest grocery store. Our local Stop & Shop on E. Park Ave has a plastic bag recycling bin in the main entrance lobby. Visit www.longbeachny.gov/Plasticbags for more information.

BREAK DOWN YOUR BOXES

Breaking down boxes makes it easier and more efficient for sorting facilities to process cardboard. It also increases available space in recycling bins and collection vehicles.

DISCARD BOTTLE CAPS, LABELS, STICKERS, AND TAPE

BOTTLE CAPS – Please remove caps from recyclables and discard them in the trash.

LABELS, STICKERS, TAPE – Please make best efforts to remove labels, stickers, or packaging tape from recyclable items and discard in the trash. These often contain glues and inks that can contaminate recyclables.

NO ELECTRONICS

Drop unwanted electronics at the E-Recycling bin located outside the Recreation Center on 700 Magnolia Blvd. Do not put electronics in the trash or recycling bin – many electronics contain hazardous elements like lead, mercury, cadmium, and chromium which are harmful to humans and the environment. Visit www.longbeachny.gov/Ewaste for more information.

NO HAZARDOUS ITEMS

Bring hazardous items, such as batteries, lightbulbs, paint/oil cans, aerosol cans, etc. to the local S.T.O.P (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) collection event. Long Beach hosts a S.T.O.P. collection day every April behind City Hall. For a full list of STOP items and collection dates, visit www.longbeachny.gov/STOP.

Visit www.longbeachny.gov/Sanitation for more information on sanitation and recycling.

For tips and resources on reducing waste at home visit www.longbeachny.gov/GoGreen.